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For: IMPROVEMENT IN OR RELATING TO CIRCUIT BOARD
HAVING SOLDER BUMPS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of document known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 discloses, in Fig. 2(a) and 2(b) electrodes (3, 33) of a printed pattern (2) which differ in height, i.e., the height of the electrode (33) is 15 μm and the height of the electrode (3) is 29 μm . Such a difference in height of the electrodes makes it impossible to obtain a compete conduction between the pattern and a matching IC chip. In this patent, it is disclosed to subject a printed pattern (2) to a pre-heat treatment, i.e., a heat treatment at such a temperature for making the organic solutions in the pattern escape or volatilize therefrom but not making the conductive past become completely solidified. Then, the pattern having been heat treated as above is subjected to pressing, e.g., a press treatment using a roll press of a surface pressure of 20 kg/cm². Finally, the pattern is subjected to heat treatment and is solidified completely. Fig. 2(b) shows the electrode pattern after pressing, and the height of the electrode (33) became 20 μm . The electrodes processed by a press treatment effect a good conduction when joined to bumps (6) of an IC chip (5) and the yielding rate with respect to the conduction at their joining portions was 100%.

An English translation of the Japanese document is not readily available; however, an English language abstract is provided herewith. The absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

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Applicants respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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